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Your petitioner, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., residing at 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 Japan, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to application Serial No. 09/672,948, filed September 29, 2000, for COMMUNICATION SYSTEM and evidenced by an Assignment recorded on October 10, 1996 at Reel 8174, Frame 0306. Your petitioner Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,357, issued July 3, 2001, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to the patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,256,357, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding on the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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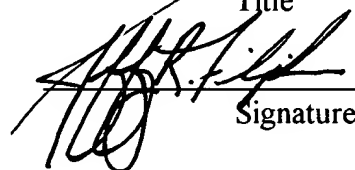
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